

**PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE
NAVAJO OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION**

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This Public Notice is to provide direction to the general public as well as other entities associated with state and Federal government, private businesses, and the Navajo Nation regarding the documents issued by the Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification.

The Certificate of Indian Blood, Affidavit of Birth, and other related vital records documents issued by the Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification are routinely distributed containing the President and Vice-President's names. This is similar to letterhead used for memoranda and other correspondence from the Navajo Nation.

These documents as issued by the Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification do not expire, except in the case of the Tribal Identification cards, and therefore do not require re-issuance when administrations change. **What makes these documents official is the embossed seal which demonstrates the document's authenticity.**

The Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification asks that people with an existing Certificate of Indian Blood or Affidavit of Birth do not request new documents only for the sole purpose of displaying the current Navajo Nation Presidential Administration. Navajo Nation programs are also asked to not refer clients or program participants to the Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification to update their documents simply to reflect the current administration. Again, this is unnecessary and only increases the workload of Vital Records staff.

Should you have any questions about this notice, please call the Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification at (928) 871-6386.



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